

Introduction:

The word '**Zeme**' derived from Angami word '**Tzeme**' means plain dweller. Basically the Zeme Naga was settled down beyond the Borail Hills range toward the west, where the Zeme people easily communicate other neighboring tribes. As such the Zeme was converted into Christianity by the Biata community who coming from Meghalaya in the year 1910 since then the Zeme Naga grasp the word of God and its literature under the guidance of alien missionaries. And the church is growing under the administrative control of Presbytery and the Synod.

Christian Education:

In the practice of the Cachar Hill Tribes Synod under the Presbyterian Church of India the Christian Education play very important role in the church ministry. Christian Education played important role both secular education in mission school and Sunday school.

The Zeme Presbyterian Church is very much concern for the child education through establishing the mission schools in its operational areas. On the other hand, facilitate the Bible knowledge to the children through Sunday school on every Sunday morning both secular and Sunday schools under the Christian education in our church. And also promoting and strengthening the moral character for achieving the higher education. The activities of both educations were briefly stated below:

A. Mission School:**i. Formation:**

Before the Christianity arises in the Zeme community the mission school was established by the British Missionary in the year 1907 (*at Nareram Melangpeuram*) through the school the children learned the bible knowledge and accepts Jesus Christ and also pave their heart towards Christianity.

ii. Role of the Teacher:

In the early days the mission teacher are not only a mere teacher but they play an important role in the society and the people also trusted them.

Activities:

- Teaching the students on the text.
- Visiting the house/family.
- Helping the needy and looking after the sick persons.
- Teaching the villagers the way of civilize.
- Praying for disappointed persons.

iii. Beginning of the Christianity:

A mission school is the stream of the beginning of Christianity in the Zeme Naga society for instance, the first Christian convert Shri. Ditung Pame was seriously sick and He was lying on the dying bed. The mission school teacher visited and prayed for him miraculously he was healed at the very moment thereafter he decided to become Christian. In him the Christianity begun and spread the gospel among the Zeme Naga community.

iv. Sources of Literature:

Through mission school children learnt English literature basing on the aims and objectives of the missionary towards the welfare of the society. Through Christian education the Zeme Naga literature is formed in the year 1914 through recording dialogue of elders by missionary and its literature was born in the year 1919 at the handiwork of Rev. J.M. Harris Rees. Today, the children and the old are reading various publications by our own dialects.

v. Continuation of the Mission project:

Today, the Zeme Presbyterian Church is operating three mission schools by the help of the parent Synod (i.e. Cachar Hill Tribes Synod). The schools usually conducted Children Bible Camp in collaboration with Sunday School Children Conference.

B. Sunday School:

The Sunday school began in the Zeme Naga Community when the church started its growth. In the early days the Sunday school class was taught by the mission school teachers, preachers by taking responsibility a part from their missionary duties. Today, the Sunday school was well organized by the church itself and set up various classes. For example, Adult class i.e. written & oral, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Primary and Infant Class.

In the Sunday school classes especially for the children the prescribe text has been given and also music, discipline etc are taught in the Sunday school classes. Further, the Sunday committee organized teacher's training in the presbytery level. The Sunday School Children Conference, Vocational Bible School and Children Bible Club were organized in the pastorate.

Activities:

- Bible recitation, Bible Quiz, Singing, Talent show, Extempore Speech
- Declaration of King & Queen
- Essay writing
- Other related activities.

The teachers taught to the children various topics. Till today the Sunday school committee is very much acquainted with the mission school for facilitating the children to share the Christian education through Vacation Bible School in the different occasions which was organized by the mission schools.

In practicing the above activities, the children of Christian families were well equipped for the destination of their spiritual life as well as building their physical life in the society. Even the children of the other faiths were attracted the children education and they are enjoying with the Christian activities in mission schools and Sunday school children conference. Assure that Christian education is very essential in the life of Christian and its mission.